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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN

1 . PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING ORAL MESSAGE FROM ME
TO PRIME MINISTER BEGIN ON THE LEEDS CASTLE TALKS.

2. I WANT TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST THANKS
TO YOU FOR HAVING SENT FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN TO
BRITAN TO MEET WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF EGYPT.
AND ME TO PURSUE THE MIDDLE EAST PEACE NEGOTIATIONS.
FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN WILL, I KNOW, BE REPORTING
TO YOU ON THE TWO DAYS OF TALKS THAT WE HAVE JUST
COMPLETED. I WANT TO SAY FOR MY PART- AND BOTH
FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN AND THE FOREIGN MINISTER
OF EGYPT TOLD ME THEY SHARED THIS VIEW- THAT I
FOUND THE TALKS USEFUL. THE DISCUSSIONS WERE LENGTHY
AND CANDID, AND WERE CONDUCTED IN A VERY BUSINESSLIKE
WAY. I BELIEVE THAT ALL CONCERNED WOULD AGREE THAT
USEFUL AND NECESSARY CLARIFICATIONS WERE ACHIEVED.

AT THE SAME TIME, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE SUB-
STANTIAL DIFFERENCES ON THE BASIC ISSUES CONTINUE TO
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EXIST BETWEEN THE POSITIONS OF THE PARTIES. MUCH
DIFFICULT WORK LIES AHEAD OF US, BUT WE HAVE MADE A
GOOD BEGINNING. I HAVE ASKED AMBASSADOR ATHERTON
TO PROCEED DIRECTLY TO THE MIDDLE EAST TO CONTINUE
OUR CONTACTS WITH THE PARTIES AND ALSO TO BRIEF THE
GOVERNMENTS OF SAUDI ARABIA AND JORDAN AS PART OF OUR
EFFORT TO STRENGTHEN THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE PEACE

PROCESS. IN OUR CONVERSATION AT LEEDS I INFORMED MR. DAYAN OF MY PLAN TO VISIT THE MIDDLE EAST EARLY IN AUGUST AND OF OUR EXPECTATION THAT A FURTHER TRIPARTITE MEETING CAN BE ARRANGED DURING THE COURSE OF THAT TRIP. FOREIGN MINISTER DAYAN HAS TOLD ME THAT YOU VIEW THIS IDEA POSITIVELY, AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR THIS. IT IS MY HOPE , AS I DISCUSSED WITH MINISTER DAYAN, THAT THE MEETING COULD INCLUDE THE DEFENSE MINISTERS OF ISRAEL AND EGYPT AS WELL.

3. AMBASSADOR LEWIS WILL BE MEETING WITH YOU SHORTLY ABOUT NEXT STEPS IN THE NEGOTIATION AND TO DISCUSS A MUTUALLY CONVENIENT DATE FOR MY TRIP.
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